

CenturyLink, RAD, Ciena, and Ciena's Blue Planet Division earn Proof of Concept Excellence Award at MEF 1



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CenturyLink, RAD, Ciena®, and Ciena's Blue Planet® division recently won the *Third Network Proof of Concept Excellence Award* at the Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) 2016 Global Networking event. The Proof of Concept (PoC), titled "Multi-Vendor Service Orchestration Using Open APIs for Service Activation, Performance Monitoring and NFV," was built on CenturyLink's network and demonstrated the tangible benefits associated with multi-vendor automation using open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), Software Defined Networking (SDN), and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV)-based value-added services. [Read more.](#)

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